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**IN LOVING MEMORY**  
Of  
**Mother Queen Esther Gridiron**



**Tuesday, January 7, 1992**  
10:00 A.M.

**Mt. Calvary Church of God in Christ**  
3770 Santa Rosalia Drive  
Los Angeles, California

**Supt. Bedell Sanders**  
Officiant

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### Active Pallbearers

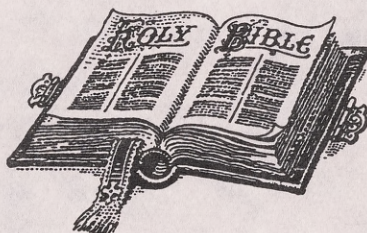
KEITH BOUDREAUX                      ELD. EDWARD BROOKS  
HOBART BURRIS                              GARY DAVIS  
DEA. SAMUEL NASH                      ELD. JAMES TURNER

### Honorary Pallbearers

James S. Ford - Fulton Ford, Jr.  
Atty. A. Boudreaux, III - Min. Clarence Church, III  
Eld. Bruce Driscoll - Dea. Thomas Lindsay  
Eld. Spencer Myles - Bro. John Trig

### INTERMENT

Inglewood Park Cemetery  
720 East Florence Avenue  
Inglewood, California



**ANGELUS FUNERAL HOME**

Directors in Charge

### ORDER OF SERVICE

PROCESSIONAL ..... Bishop George Dallas McKinney  
and Supt. Clarence Church  
SONG—"All of My Life" ..... Choir  
SCRIPTURES  
Old Testament—Psalm 23 ..... Elder Wyatt Basham  
New Testament—I Cor. 15:20-23 ..... Bishop Charles E. Blake  
General Board Member  
PRAYER ..... Bishop B. R. Benbow  
SOLO—"Go To The Rock" ..... Sis. Anna Smith  
REMARKS  
Mother Gertie M. Houston, Supv. of Women, Metro. Juris.  
Mother Barbara McCoo Lewis, Supv. of Women,  
1st Ecc. Jurisdiction  
Mother Elizabeth Nash, Int'l Rep. for the Dept. of Women  
ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND CONDOLENCES ... Sis. Karan Brown  
RESOLUTIONS ..... Dr. Gussie Harris  
SOLO—"One Day At A Time" ..... Evang. Celestine Smith  
REMARKS ..... Bishop George Dallas McKinney  
Prelate, 2nd Eccl. Jurisdiction  
EXPRESSIONS ..... Bishop P. A. Brooks  
General Board Member  
INTRODUCTION OF  
INTERNATIONAL PRELATE ..... Bishop Leroy Anderson  
General Board Member  
International Presiding Prelate, Church of God in Christ  
Bishop Louis Henry Ford  
(Brother of Mother Queen Esther Gridiron)  
Honorable Barbara Boudreaux, LAUSD School Board Member  
(Niece of Mother Queen Esther Gridiron)  
OBITUARY (Silent Reading)  
SOLO—"Mountain Railroad" ..... Sis. Gidgette Burris  
EULOGY ..... Supt. Bedell Sanders  
PARTING VIEW  
RECESSIONAL

## OBITUARY

QUEEN ESTHER FORD was born to Cleveland Ford and Chaney Joiner on September 18, 1920, in Clarksdale, Mississippi, the youngest of eleven children.

At an early age, she accepted the Lord as her personal Saviour and was filled with the Holy Ghost.

She began elementary school in the State of Mississippi and continued her education and completed high school in Chicago, IL. After moving to California, she completed her college education majoring in Business Administration at California State University and was a California resident since 1942.

In 1957, she was married to the late George Crowley Jennings. To this marriage was added a boy child, George Crowley Jennings, Jr. She was a faithful member of Page Temple Church of God in Christ where she served in the King's Daughter and the Choir.

On March 1, 1974, she was married to Elder Justus Mason Gridiron, Sr. She served faithfully for 17 years as a Pastor and Superintendent's wife. She was also active in the national, state and local auxiliaries of the Church of God in Christ. Her motto was "nothing is impossible."

Mother Gridiron served as Supervisor of Women, California Jurisdiction Unlimited, Bishop B. R. Benbow, Prelate; District Missionary to Bishop R. M. Clark; Executive Cabinet of Mother E. Nash; Executive Committee of Bishop George D. McKinney; National and State Hospitality; and Church Administrator of Mt. Zion Church of God in Christ of All Nations. Her gifts were many and she will be remembered as a church worker, giving encouraging words to everyone and never missing an opportunity to serve.

Mother Gridiron leaves to cherish: her husband, Superintendent Justus Mason Gridiron, Sr.; son, George Jennings; three sisters, Mrs. Rosie Mae Shelby of Clarksdale, MS; Mrs. Mary Hicks of Columbus, OH; Mrs. Laura Dorsey of Los Angeles, CA; and brother, Bishop Louis Henry Ford of Chicago, IL; nine step children; her grandchildren: Princess, Dutchess, Empress, Queen, and Prince Jennings; 34 step grandchildren; devoted nieces, Barbara Boudreaux, Martina Ford who aided her; a host of other nieces and nephews, daughter-in-Christ, Janice Rouise; and two godchildren, Empress Jennings and Christine Myles; and a host of relatives and friends.

Ex Flammis Clarior  
"Let your flame be bright"